

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, State Representative Gordon R. Pederson has long been an advocate for District 30 and the residents of Custer, Fall River, and Pennington counties; and,

*Whereas*, Gordon served in the South Dakota House of Representatives for 30 years; and,

*Whereas*, Gordon's loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country as he served a total of 23 years in three foreign wars; World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War; and,

*Whereas*, Gordon is active in his community as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Sons of Norway, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion; and,

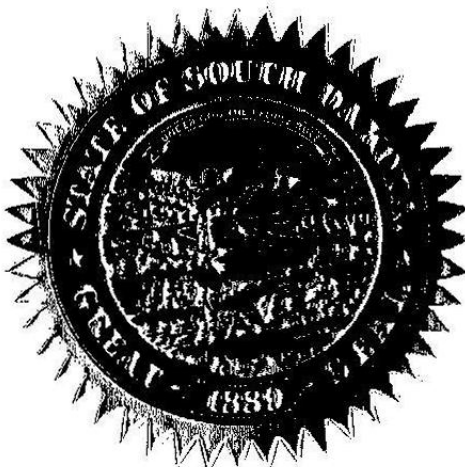
*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize individuals such as Gordon who give so generously of themselves to the service of their community, state, and country; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Gordon Pederson for 53 years of combined outstanding military and public service:

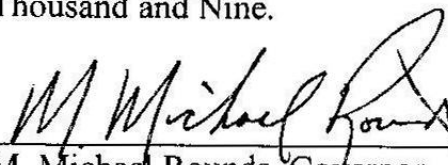
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2009, as

## *GORDON R. PEDERSON DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State